IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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| IN THE MATTER OF:<br><br>PETITIONS FOR REVIEW OF RESULTS OF BAR EXAMINATION | MISC. NO. 17-017 (DRD) |

**AMENDED ORDER**

Any candidate who has failed the Federal Bar Examination ("FBE") may seek reconsideration thereof by filing a petition for review before the District Examination Committee. The petition for review shall be filed by mail or in person with the Clerk of the Court within thirty (30) days from the date of notification of the FBE results. This term shall be considered jurisdictional. A petition for review shall not be entertained unless the petitioner makes a showing that the granting of his/her petition would result in a passing score.

All failed applicants shall be afforded, upon request, the opportunity to review his/her FBE at the Office of the Clerk of Court for a period not to exceed one (1) hour, in preparation for a possible petition for review. During this review, petitioners are authorized to take hand written notes as part of their preparation of their petition for review. Petitioners cannot use laptop computers, mobile devices (i.e. telephones, iPads, etc.) or any other electronic equipment to take notes of the content of his/her FBE.

The petition for review must indicate the specific questions and answers allegedly graded erroneously. It must set forth in detail the nature of the error and the manner in which said error, if it exists, affected the validity of the question. The petitioner may include any legal citations that the committee should consider in support of the arguments included in the petition. When pointing to manifest errors, petitioners may include scoring mistakes.

The Committee shall not entertain general, non-specific claims that do not address any particular errors, or issues concerning other candidates. Accordingly, the only objections to be considered shall be those affecting the individual petitioner.

The petition for review shall make no reference to petitioner's legal background or education, financial or social status, employment, personal sacrifices or needs, results of previous FBE, nor any other circumstances extraneous to the merits of the petition. A candidate shall not communicate directly or indirectly with any member of the Committee regarding their performance on the FBE or any matter relative thereto.

Any violation of these rules shall result in the denial of the petition for review.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 1 day of February, 2017.

DANIEL R. DOMINGUEZ
U. S. District Judge
Chairman, District Examination Committee